

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for treating a host for rheumatoid arthritis, the method comprising:  
administering to a host a composition including a therapeutic dose of a  
therapeutically acceptable PAD inhibitor.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said administering step occurs after the onset  
of symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.
3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said administering step occurs before the  
onset of symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.
4. The method of Claim 1 wherein said PAD inhibitor has a side chain including  
a benzamide group to the left and an ester group to the right of a peptide bond.
5. The method of Claim 4 wherein said administering step occurs after the onset  
of symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.
6. The method of Claim 4 wherein said administering step occurs before the  
onset of symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.